



Guide to Voting

Voting is simple - there are just a few guidelines you must follow. Nevada law requires that you:

1. Must be 18 years of age or over
2. A U.S. citizen
3. Be a resident of Nevada of 30 days preceding any election
4. Cannot be convicted of certain felonies. (Ask your Registrar)
5. Cannot be declared by a court to be mentally incompetent

REGISTER

In order to vote, you must first register. Simply fill out a voter registration application form. You will need a photo I.D. and proof of residency in order to fill out the form, which may be found at:

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- Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles
- County Clerk/Registrar of Voters' Office
- Any City Clerk's Office
- United States Post Offices
- Utility companies
- Political party offices
- Chambers of Commerce

Return your application via mail or in person at:

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- Your County Clerk/Registrar of Voters' Office
- Your City Clerk's Office
- Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles

The only time you will need to submit another voter registration form is if you have changed your physical address, your name or your party affiliation.

Registration Deadlines:

General Election - Mail-in October 4, 2008

In Person October 14, 2008



VOTE

Now that you are registered, you are ready to vote. Prior to the election, a sample ballot will be provided to you from your County Clerk/Registrar of Voters' Office. The sample ballot will contain the offices and questions appearing on the actual ballot. It will also contain information about your party affiliation, precinct, the name and address of your Election Day polling place, and the early voting schedule and locations.

Review the ballot carefully and mark your selections. It may be helpful to bring the sample ballot with you to your polling place as a reference when making your selections on the voting machine.

Contact your County Clerk/Registrar of Voters' Office if you haven't received a sample ballot.

Voting Options

Early Voting

Early voting is easy in Nevada and is available to every voter. Voters can vote at any location in their respective county where early voting is offered. Early voting for the Primary Election is July 26 - August 8, 2008. Early voting for the General Election is October 18 - October 31, 2008. Early voting locations by county may be found at www.silverstate08.com or by contacting your County Clerk/Registrar of Voters' Office.

Election Day Voting

If you choose to vote on Election Day, you must vote at your designated polling location - to locate your polling place visit www.silverstate08.com. Upon arriving, you will be directed to your precinct table where an election clerk will verify your name and signature. You will then be directed to a voting machine to cast your ballot. The electronic, touch-screen voting machines provide step-by-step instructions on how to properly make your ballot selections. Election officials will be on site to help you if you have any questions regarding the voting machine.

Absent Voting by Mail-In Ballot

Any registered voter may request to vote by absent ballot. To request an absent ballot, you must complete and submit an Absent Ballot Request Form, which may be obtained from your local county election official.

It's best to submit your request early so your local election official has enough time to send you the ballot. You must mail your completed ballot in a timely manner to your County Clerk/Registrar of Voters' Office. All absent ballots must be received by 7 p.m. on Election Day in order to be counted.



First Time Voter

If you are a first-time voter, you must provide a copy of an acceptable form of identification with your Absent Ballot Request Form in order to vote via absent ballot. Acceptable forms of identification include:

Forms of ID may include:

- Current Nevada Driver's License
- Current Nevada State Identification Card
- Rent receipt with pre-printed address
- Bank statement or pre-printed check
- Credit card statement
- Car registration or proof of insurance
- Government document (tax bill, income info.)
- Current utility bill
- Any combination of the above

Contact your County Clerk/Registrar of Voters' Office or the Elections Division if you have any questions regarding absentee voting.

Election Dates:

Primary Election - August 12, 2009

Early voting for Primary Election - July 26 - August 8, 2008

General Election - November 4, 2008

Early voting for General Election - October 18 - October 31, 2008